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SUBJECT: VIETNAM'S HEALTH MINISTER CONGRATULATES HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES SECRETARY SEBELIUS AND HOPES FOR CONTINUED ENGAGEMENT

¶1. (U) Minister Nguyen Quoc Trieu, of the Vietnam Ministry of Health, has sent a letter of congratulations to Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius on her appointment. In the letter, Minister Trieu also expressed his hopes for continued cooperation between his Ministry and the Department of Health and Human Services.

¶2. (U) BEGIN TEXT OF LETTER:

Hanoi, May 29, 2009
H.E. Mrs. Kathleen Sebelius,
Secretary of Health and Human Services
The United State of America

Your Excellency,

First and foremost, on behalf of the Ministry of Health of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and on my personal behalf, I would like to convey my warmest congratulations to you on your recent appointment as Secretary of Department of Health and Human Services of the United States of America.

I am confident that your talent, experience, and dedication will contribute remarkably to the development of the United States of America, and the lives and health of Americans as well as our global health.

Building on the successful cooperation between our Ministry of Health and your Department of Health and Human Services over the past years, I do hope that bilateral cooperation between Vietnam and the United States in general and the Ministry of Health and the Department of Health and Human Services in particular will be further strengthened.

I wish you good health, happiness, and great success in your new position.

With my best regards.

Yours sincerely,
Nguyen Quoc Trieu
Minister of Health
Socialist Republic of Vietnam

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